Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Eileen and Gerry Nelson were born on June 18, 1924, in Burke, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Eileen and Gerry graduated from Pierre High School. After graduating from nursing school, Eileen worked at St. Mary's Hospital and Gerry worked for the Division of Motor Vehicles until her retirement in 1989; and,

Whereas, Eileen married Herbert "Bud" O'Day and was blessed with 10 children, Mary Ellen, Rose, Jerry, Kathy, Cindy, Roy, Ray, Wendy, Michael, and Patrick, 25 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter; and,

Whereas, Gerry married Donald Snyder and was blessed with one son, Jeff, and many nieces and nephews who love her as a second mom; and,

Whereas, Eileen enjoys helping others, doing scrapbooks, quilting, and taking pictures of her family; Gerry is an avid Twins fan and never misses a televised game; and,

Whereas, Eileen and Gerry will observe their 80th Birthdays with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather on June 27, 2004, to honor them and celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day; it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the lives of two women who have lived exemplary lives for all to emulate; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2004, as

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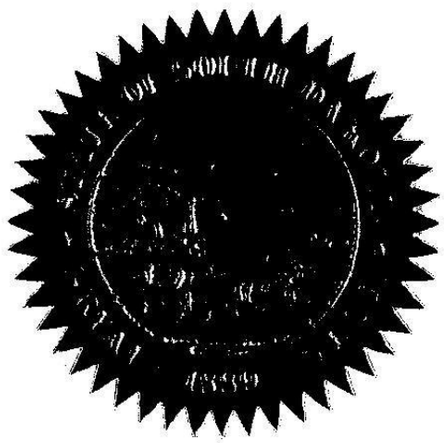
in South Dakota, and I join all their friends and relatives in wishing them a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State